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Application No. **7698300**

Please address all comments to:
Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch
3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
AND
TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: Proposed Expansion of Existing Barge Unloading Facility at Tennessee River Mile 405.1, Guntersville Lake, Jackson County, Alabama

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899**.

APPLICANT: Mead Containerboard
P.O. Box 508
Stevenson, Alabama 35772-0508

LOCATION: Tennessee River Mile 405.1, Guntersville Lake, in Stevenson, Jackson County, Alabama (Stevenson Quad; lat 34-51-19.1880, lon 85-46-58.4040)

DESCRIPTION: The proposed work consists of the expansion of the existing barge unloading facility at the subject location. The existing facility consist of a dock and two dolphins for the transfer of oil. The proposed facility would be constructed adjacent to the existing structures and would consist of 7 new dolphins along approximately 570' of shoreline. Two of the dolphins, used to support automated unloading and conveying equipment, would be constructed parallel each other and consist of steel sheet piling filled with riprap and capped with concrete. The other 5 dolphins would be clustered wood pilings. The new dolphins would extend approximately 92' lakeward of the normal summer pool Elevation 595.0 for Guntersville Lake. The expansion would allow a tow of four barges to be unloaded at one time.

The purpose of the work would allow another means of transferring wood chips other than by their current method of trucking, while continuing the oil unloading. The barge

facility would not increase the applicant's operation or transfer of wood products, but would make off-loading more efficient.

Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The riprap placement within the steel piling structures has previously been approved for purposes of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act under authority of a DA Nationwide Permit which became effective on February 11, 1997 [33 CFR 33, Appendix A, #25].

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

An Environmental Assessment will be prepared by this office prior to a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the requested Department of the Army Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer and the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service - Atlanta.

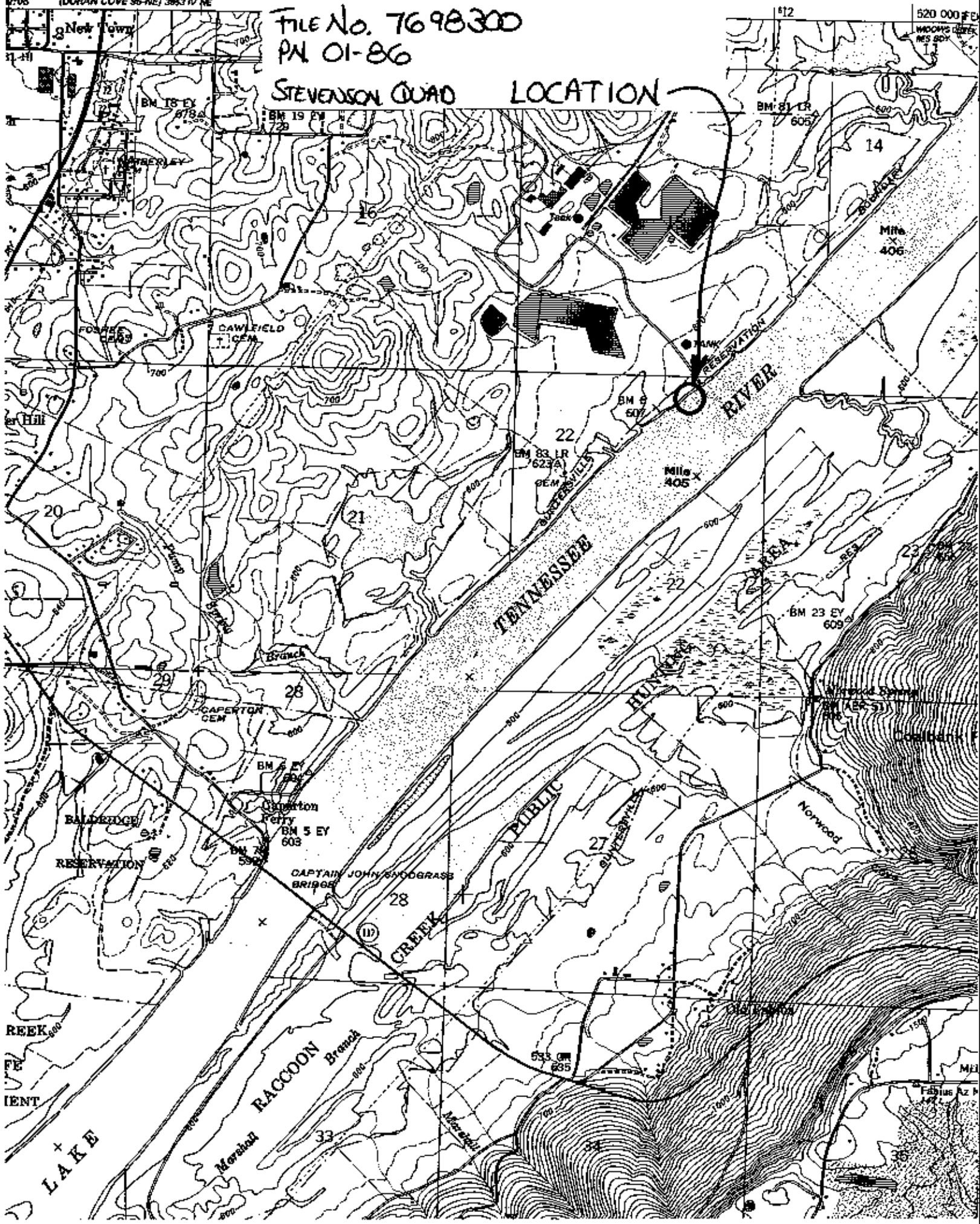
Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any federally-listed, threatened, or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act, and, therefore, initiation of formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

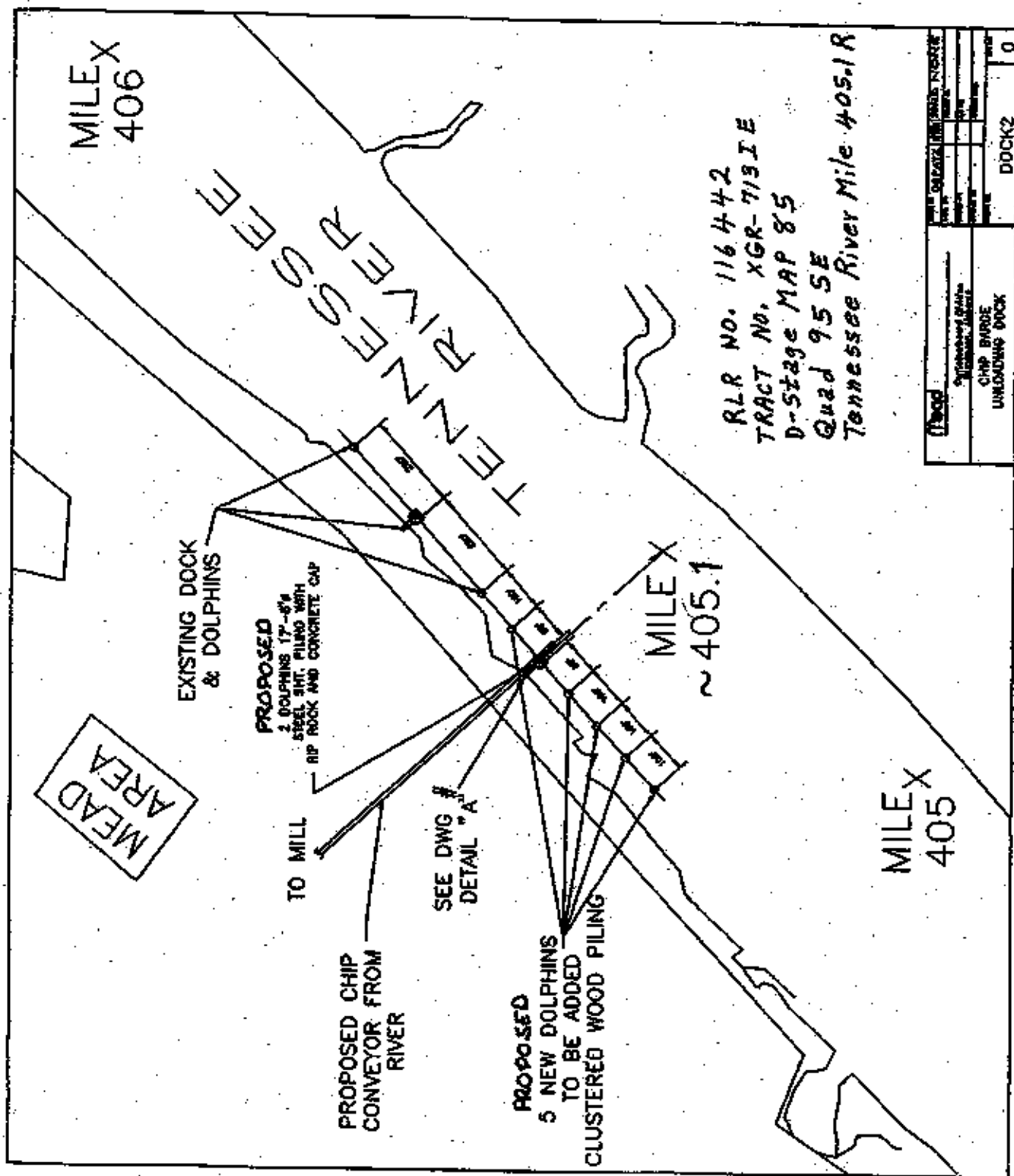
Other federal, state, and/or local approvals required for the proposed work are as follows:

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) approval under Section 26a of the TVA Act. In addition to other provisions of its approval, TVA would require the applicant to employ best management practices to control erosion and sedimentation, as necessary, to prevent adverse aquatic impacts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before December 5, 2001, will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attention: Amy Robinson, at the above address, telephone (615) 369-7509. It is not necessary to comment separately to TVA since copies of all comments will be sent to that agency and will become part of its record on the proposal. However, if comments are sent to TVA, they should be mailed to Mr. Charles Wolfe, Tennessee Valley Authority, 2325 Henry Street, Guntersville, Alabama 35976-1867.

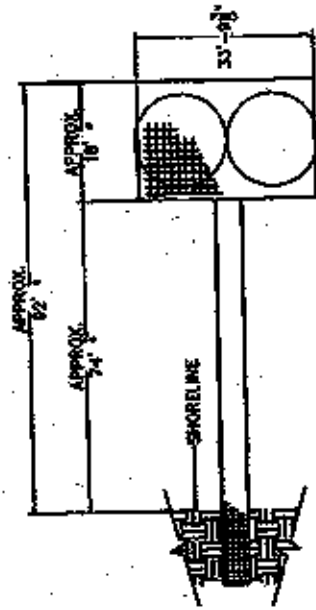




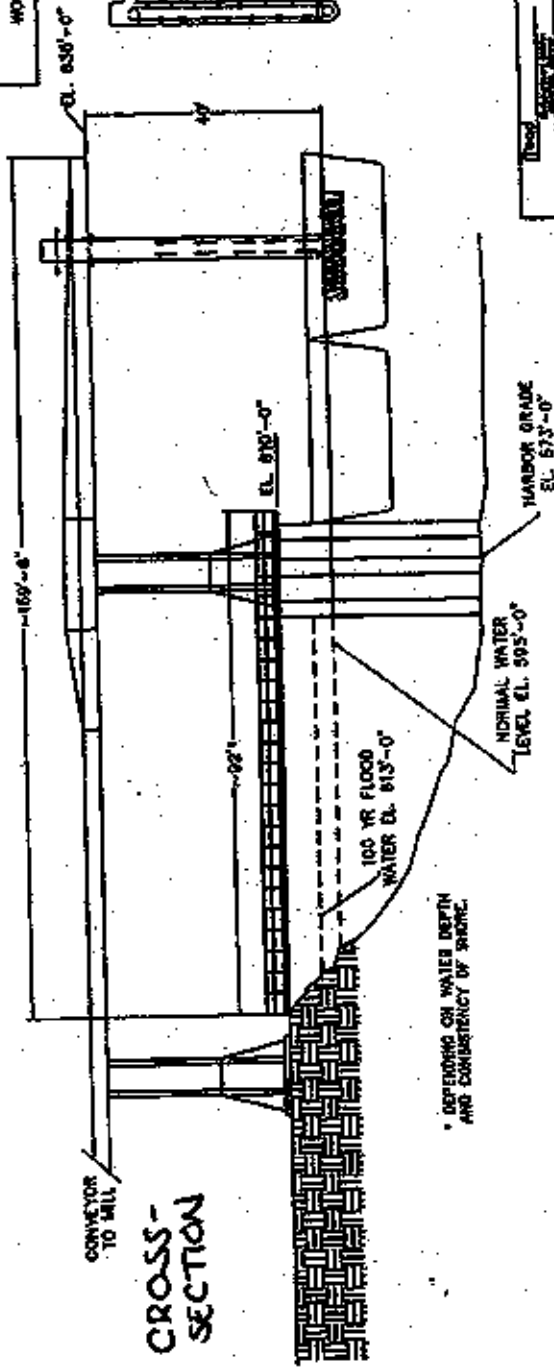
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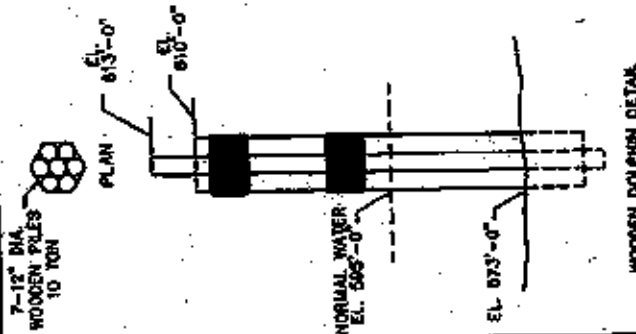
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